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HAITIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

After AIDS comment, Haitians set to tell Trump #Neveragain

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In 1990, tens of thousands of Haitians marched across the Brooklyn Bridge in New York, causing a massive traffic jam as they demanded that the U.S. government lift a ban on blood donations by Haitians after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration said they were in a high-risk group for HIV infection.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had previously and unscientifically assigned Haitians to a group referred to as the “Four Hs” — homosexuals, Haitians, hemophiliacs and heroin addicts — meaning they are at higher risk for the virus that causes AIDS. The policy stigmatized Haitians. The country’s image and tourism were damaged. Haitian children in the U.S. found themselves bullied and beaten at school as fights broke out.

Many Haitians had believed that that ugly period was history — until last week.

A story by The New York Times citing two unnamed sources said that President Donald Trump in a June tirade about immigration commented that 15,000 U.S.-bound Haitian immigrants “all have AIDS.” White House press secretary Sarah Sanders vehemently denied that Trump had made the comment.

Still, for Haitian Americans who are preparing to commemorate their homeland’s 214th anniversary as the world’s first black republic on Monday, the headline reopened a painful wound — while also igniting a deter-

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JAMES KEIVOM TNS

Apartment building residents are evacuated after a fatal fire at 2363 Prospect Ave. in the Bronx on Thursday night. New York City’s deadliest residential fire in decades spread through every floor and killed 12 people, including four children.

NEW YORK CITY

Officials: Deadly fire lit by child playing with stove

New York Mayor Bill de Blasio speaks to reporters at the scene of the deadly fire on Thursday night. The blaze at the century-old building was fueled by gusty winds.



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BY JENNIFER PELTZ AND DAVID JEANS
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A preschooler toying with the burners on his mother’s stove accidentally lit New York City’s deadliest fire in decades, turning an apartment building into an inferno that killed a dozen people as smoke and flames swept up the stairwell in minutes and blocked the main route to safety, the fire commissioner said Friday.

The 3 ½ -year-old boy, his mother and another

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PUERTO RICO

3-plus months after Maria, barely half have power

BY DANICA COTO
Associated Press

SAN JUAN, PUERTO RICO
Puerto Rico authorities said Friday that nearly half of power customers in the U.S. territory still lack electricity more than three months after Hurricane Maria.

Officials said 55 percent of the nearly 1.5 million customers have power, marking the first time the

government has provided that statistic since the Category 4 storm hit on Sept. 20 with winds of up to 154 mph. Officials had previously reported power generation, which stands at nearly 70 percent of pre-storm levels.

“The damage was severe,” power company spokesman Gerardo Quinones told The Associated Press. “A lot of work remains.”

One of Puerto Rico’s 78 municipalities remains entirely without



CARLOS GIUSTI AP

A brigade from the Electric Power Authority repairs distribution lines damaged by Hurricane Maria in San Juan in October. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has said the entire island will have power by May.

power, and it’s unclear when some electricity will be restored to the central mountain town of Ciales. Crews this week restored power for the first time to parts of the southeast coastal town of Yabucoa, which received the first hit from Maria.

Among those still in the dark is Eileen Cheverez, a 48-year-old respiratory therapist who lives in

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BUSINESS

MIAMI BIGGEST IN FLA. FOR AIRBNB

After a contentious year, Dade still came out on top as most popular county for the home-sharing platform in Florida. 12A



DEATHS

MUSICIAN PLAYED WITH THE GREATS

Miami-born Melton Mustafa, a jazz educator and musician who played with luminaries of music, has died at age 70. 6A

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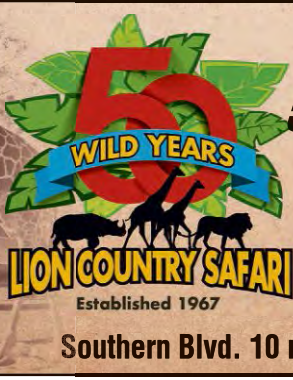
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